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RECORD OF RECENT HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIFFERENT CITIES

Gleaned From the Pens of Our News Gatherers—"Gem City" Notes—Negro Society of Atlanta Ga., to Celebrate January, 1.

Frankfort, Ind., Special.—Read an old reliable paper, The Freeman. On last Sunday night, the work for November was read to the public, showing what the different clubs and church-workers are doing. The Willing-Workers club reported $18.80 in cash. The next report will be given in on the first Sunday in January. Mr. Edward Harper on last Monday returned to his school, Wabash college. Mrs. Martha Weaver is much worse. All are invited to attend prayer meeting Wednesday evenings. Church services promptly at 10:30; Sunday-school at 2:30. The church monthly rally netted them $23.17. The Busy Bee club gave a patriotic social Tuesday evening. Miss Jeanette Parker has returned home from Lafayette Mrs. Wanna Radcliff has been on the sick list. Teachers' meeting Monday nights. Mr. Clyde Radcliff was at Indianapolis Wednesday to attend the wedding of Mr Edward Perkins and Miss Stella Johnson. See The Freeman's Agent about the Xmas number. It will contain writings from some of our race's most noted men, such as Rev R. C. Ransom, M. A. Majors, M. D., Lieutenant Ossian Flipper and others. It only costs 5 cents. The peerless magician, Kellar performed astonishing tricks to a packed house Thursday night. Mr. Jessie Mitchell has returned from a visit to Thorntown. Get ready for the A. M. E. church's grand rally the first Sunday in January. The Freeman is out every Saturday; subscribe for it. Mrs. Ida Mitchell has been on the sick list. Miss Bird and Miss Foust of Kokomo, have been the guests of Miss Lettie Parker. Christian Endeavor every Sunday evening at 6:30. Mrs. J. H. Johnson has gone to Lafayette to attend the church's grand rally. Mrs. Bettie Weaver is in the city attending to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha Weaver. Mr. T. V. Valentine has moved to the country. Mr. George Gaskin, Mr. Williams and Mr. Edward Perkins of Kokomo were the guests of Mr. Homer Parker, Sunday. Mr. Mark Shad of Thorntown was in Frankfort Sunday. There will be a church fair Xmas week given by the A. M. E. church.

News Items.

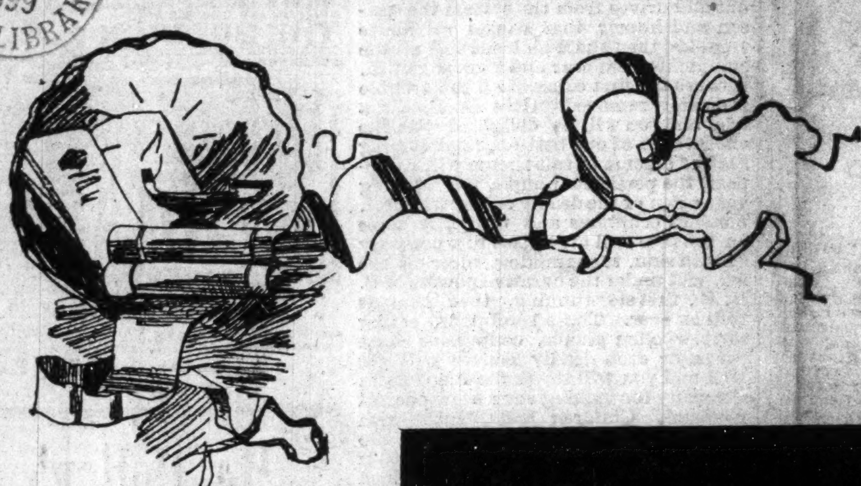
Columbia, Ala., Special.—Prof. I. S. Cummings has opened school. Miss Mollie Jones was married to Mr. Auster Hutley Sunday evening the 3rd at 4 o'clock. A number of friends witnessed the ceremony. Rev. T. M. Winders of the A. M. E. church went to Montgomery on the 4th. Subscribe for The Freeman and see what the race is doing.

Newport News.

Newport News, Va., Special.—A destructive fire swept over this city the 6th inst., and forty-eight buildings were destroyed. The loss was quite heavy. A transportation company will operate between this place and Norfolk, the capital stock will be between $100,000 to $300,000. The company contemplates running three ferry boats.

News in General.

Atlanta, Ga. Special.—The Negro Literary and Historical Society of Atlanta, Ga., has arranged an elaborate program for the first of January next in honor of Emancipation Day. The orator of the day will be Prof. W. E. B. Dubois, P. H. D. of the Atlanta University. Dr. Dubois is one of the ripest sholars of the race. He has given to the world one or two very interesting books and is now preparing another one on the Negro Farmers in Daugherty County Georgia. Miss Josie Holmes of Clark University will read an essay. Rev. B. T. Harvey, a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute, will recite an original poem. This society is one of the oldest Negro Historical Societies in America. It is composed of most learned men and women of the race, among whom may be mentioned Prof. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon Theological Seminary; Prof. J. M. Henderson, President of the Morris Brown College; Prof. W. E. Holmes, President of the Colored Baptist College at Macon, Ga.; Prof. W. H. Crogman of Clark University; Prof. D. J. Jordon, of Morris Brown College; Prof. Jno. Hope, of the Atlanta Baptist College; Prof. C. W. Hill of one of our Grammar schools; Dr. W. F. Penn, W. J. Moore of the Neal Loan & Banking Co.; Dr. J. W. Madison, Thos. B. Kelley State Grand Secretary of the Odd Fellow's Grand Lodge for Ga.; Alexander Hamilton Esq., the leading Negro contractor in the South. W. O. Murphy, one of the wealthiest young colored merchants in the country. Rev. Dr. J. A. Brockett, Dean of Theology of Morris Brown College, Chas. McHenry, Esq. one of Atlanta's most progressive colored merchants; Rev. Dr. E. R. Carter, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church; Prof. W. B. Mathews, Prin. Houston st. school; Rev. Dr. H. H. Proctor, pastor of the First Congregational Church: Capt. F. H. Crumbly, of the U. S. Army; Capt. C. C. Windish, Surveyor Customs, Atlanta, Ga. Major R. J. Henry, of the New York Life Insurance Company is president. Hon. H. A. Racker, Collector of Internal Revenue is vice-president. Major Smith W. Easley, Jr. Chief Deputy Surveyor of Customs is the secretary. Major R. J. Henry, of the 2nd, Georgia Reg't. Colored Vol. State Militia; President of The Negro Literary & Historical Society of Atlanta, Ga.; Supt. of Document and Agents Supply of the New York Life Insurance Company.



MAJ. R. J. HENRY, Atlanta, Ga.

In Honor of Guests

Houston, Tex., Special.—The Freeman is sought for by Houston's best people. You will find it at 905 Prairie-ave., every week, J. W. Cook, agent. Mr. Willie Williams has severed his connection with The Freeman and you will find J. W. Cook with the same every Sunday. There was a special dinner Thanksgiving day at the Ford hotel given by Mrs. Carry Ford. Those present: James Wilson, proprietor; Ed. Hall, manager; George Campbell, stage manager; Emmett Davis, Buddie Glenn, Samuel Cook, C. Daugherty, C. Bebee, Misses Hattie Carter, Minnie Williams, Bettie Watson, Floria Williams, Louisa Shannon, Garrot Hass; and the popular bartender of the Little Solo saloon, was master of ceremony and Mr. E. A. Ford was caterer for the guests. The company and the staff turns many thanks to the management of the Ford hotel for their hospitality. Remember you can get The Freeman each week at 905 Prairie street, J. W. Cook, agent.

Notes.

Blackshear, Ga., Special.—The trustees of the schools of this city are striving to raise money to erect a graded school building. Mr. T. Irwin is chairman of the board. Rev. Greer preached his farewell sermon Sunday night. The Freeman will be on sale every Saturday at Richardson's barber shop. Miss Kate Williams is visiting relatives in Tampa, Fla. There will be preaching by the pastor Rev. J. K. Rogers, Sunday at Zion Baptist church.

Bluff City Dots.

Eufaula, Ala., Special:—Don't forget the Xmas number of The Freeman. Order a copy from the Agent, Mr. John Brannon returned last week from Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. He brought with him Tom Dickerson who was painfully wounded at Mt. Pleasant at the same time Hamp Wade, of this city, lost his life in a Phosphate mine. Dickerson is doing as well as possible under the circumstances. Mrs. F. F. Thornton is a reader of The Freeman. Hereafter The Freeman can be found on sale at Mose Thomas barber shop and orders can be left there for the Xmas number. Mr. Wm. Thomas and Mr. H. Harvy say The Freeman is the best Negro Journal published. Services were well attended at First Baptist Church last Sunday morning. Mr. J. M. Chisholm our tailor, is kept busy. Mr. L. C. Gardner, the popular porter can be found at Mr. Robert's store on Eufaula street. The colored brass band in this city needs a teacher. For further information write to Mr. Jerry Daniels. Don't miss The Christmas number of The Freeman. The citizens of the town are preparing to celebrate the first day of January. The exercises will be held at St. Luke's A. M. E. church. Don't fail to order a copy of the Christmas number from W. H. Wallace, The Freeman's hustling agent. Eufaula, Ala., prompt attention given to mail orders.

All Around the City.

Henderson. Ky., Special:—Dr. C. E. Gowdy is visiting relatives in Nashville. Hector Lodge, No. 2 and Court of Calanthe, Knight of Pythias gave a Thanksgiving banquet at Dixon's Rink, Dec. 1. Mrs. Ada Alexander and daughter, May Francis, have returned from a brief visit to friends in Sebree. The following persons from Evansville attended the Thanksgiving banquet; Misses Mary J. Beecher, Fannie E. Snow, Sadie Rouse, Mrs. Harry Rutter and Mr. Wm. Beecher, jr. Mrs Virgie Taylor is convalescent. Mrs. Victoria Slaughter has returned from St. Louis. Miss Lula Morton left last week for St. Louis.

Indorses the Article.

Hurrah for Mrs. Emma Bertha Shepherd, in last week's issue of The Freeman. She is up-to-date and knows just what kind of preaching is needful. G. W. MEDLOCK,
Princeton, Ky.

News in General.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Special.—Miss Calloway has returned to her home in Chain Lake. Tonsilitis is quite prevalent in Grand Rapids. Among its victims are Mrs. J. Goings and Miss Lela Gaines. Mrs. Wm. Thompson has returned from Lansing and reports a fine time. Miss Lillian Pettiford is able to out, having partially recovered from a severe attack of acute gastritis. A very enjoyable time was had at the Lyceum Friday night Dec. 8. The regular program not being prepared an impromptu was given. On account of the disagreeable weather and disappointment by some of the numbers of the program, the song service which was rendered only in part on Sunday Dec. 10, was postponed until Dec. 31. All those present were charmed by the solos from Dr. Dickerson and Mrs. G. Smith. Mr. Wm. Carter has secured the position as engineer in one of our large factories. Mrs. Crockett is able to be out again after a long and serious illness.

OUR AGENTS AFTER

A TOUR OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES GIVES TO OUR READERS

The Latest Happenings.—A Budget of This Weeks Pickings, That Will Prove Interesting to all Readers.—College News.

Shelbyville Ind. Special.—Miss Lizzie Fletcher of this city was out of school this week on account of sickness. Rev. C. W. Maxey is threatened with rheumatism. Mr. James Matthews formerly of this city now residing in Greenfield is traveling to New York for a large produce house. He was here last Wednesday enroute to Greenfield. Rev. B. W. Clark preached a very able sermon at his church on last Sunday night. His text being, "The Whole Armour of God. Mr. Samuel Robinson, of this city who travels for the McLean Produce Co. was in this city last Wednesday. He returned to New York Saturday night. Mr. P. G. Grove, of Indianapolis was in our city last Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pinnec. Mr. Frank Vanmeter was out of the city last Sunday. Mr. Henry Crawle, of Morristown was here last Sunday the guest of his brother-in-law Mr. Frank Vanmeter. Mr. Jno. Barker and Miss Florence Griggsby both of this city were married, Nov. 29. They now reside in Cincinnati. The dinner and concert given Thanksgiving receipted a net amount of $26.80. The Lecture Course Club gave a meeting at the residence of Prof. P. A. Roberts. Miss Julia Martin, Miss Alice Roberts and Miss Rosa E. Dent were the entertainers. The subject of the discussion was the "British-Boer War." After the discussion of the topic refreshments were served. Attend the Opossum supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen. The proceeds go to pay Winter's gas bill of Second Baptist Church.

College News.

Normal, Ala., Special.--Prof. Council delivered the first of a series of lectures on his tour of Europe, Tuesday night entitled, "Men and Things, Manners and Customs in Europe," to the students. He dwelt largely on the National Art Gallery of London. In his discription it seemed that the living souls were present and the pictures real beings. The quarterly examinations being over the students have begun steadily at work for the ensuing term. The examinations are said to have been the most rigid in the history of the school and the students know what to expect. It is pleasing to note commendations from the daily press concerning our work. The following is taken from the Huntsville Daily Tribune; "The Tribune has been much interested lately in the work of Industrial Education of the Negroes, which work is being carried on at Normal by William Council. The question is, Is there anything genuine in this instruction or is it a pretext? Often we have been told it was a farce; that there was no industrial teaching being carried on. We can now answer the qcestion. A test was made before our eyes. Three pupils from the Norma School were sent to us by Prof. Council to do some carpentry work; building and repairing. They were youths, none exceeding twenty years of age. There names are Wm. Jenkins, James G. Wood and Theodore Higgins, three bright Negroes, each distinctly a Negro and evidently well reared. We will say for these three pupils that their work will compare favorably with any three mechanics of their age in North Alabama. They were systematic, orderly, kept their tools in place, kept themselves in place and evinced throughout, the fact that a vast deal of good would result from their training. As we understand it, these boys with hundreds of other pupils work for their education, which education is in part mechanical training."

General Items.

Florence, Ala. Special:—Rev. D. A. Butle pastor of the A. M. E. Church has made a good start for the good of his church and his people. Presiding Elder W. B. Johnson of the A. M. E. Church held his first quarterly meeting Sunday, Dec. 10. Preaching at 11 a. m. Lovefeast at 3 p. m. and the Lord's Supper at night. Dr. A. Jones is doing great work both in Florence and on the canal. Mrs. D. A. Butler, who is now in Anniston, Ala., will soon be in her new home here. Mr. Wm. Dismuke is doing good business in the grocery line as is also Mr. Jake Wytchhe. When you want a Freeman call on Miss C. A. Crittenden. Rev. Geo. Moore is holding a weeks meeting at the Congregational church.

MAJOR'S MELANGE.

The Central Texas conference of the A. M. E. church has closed. Several eminent pastors from afar graced the religious occasion with their sacred presence: Dr. Hubbard of Denver, Col.; Dr. Davis of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. D. A. Graham of Wilberforce, O.; Dr. H. T. Johnson of Philadelphia, and a few others. Bishop M. B. Salter presided with much dignity, and the most remarkable incident of the entire session was the passing of every minister's character in the conference. Much good work is being done by the A. M. E. church and we are glad to see the parsons living up on character.

J. E. Bruce is losing none of his sand. He is just as gritty as ever, and while the vitriol of his pen is just as strong the ferver of his spirit to size up characters is just as keen. We admire grit and if it means backbone Bruce is himself a giant.

The Negroes of Washington, D. C., have now a grievance. The New Grand opera managers saw fit to carry the words of Earnest Hogan, "All coons look alike to me" into effect, and this is how they did it. No orchestra seats or very few were for sale to Negroes on the occasion of the Williams & Walker show, so when the "upper tens" of the silver cake crust of society including everything from a respectable Negro bootblack to a Negro congressman put in their appearance at the box office they were shown the iron stairway and told to climb, they did so, and what Mr. Charles R. Douglass had to say about it in the Colored American was a plenty.

Bishop Turner stopped talking African emigration the other day long enough to buy some more Georgia land, and pass a resolution condemning the Hardwick bill.

Capt. George T. Robinson is alright on the Tyree question! We are not African Methodists either, but we know a good thing when we see it. Tyree is black, but he is a kind, courteous Christian gentleman worthy to sit anywhere the honor of the Negro race requires he should, and the whole South white and black alike are for Tyree.

Dr. T. C. Denham is a great financier, possibly no Negro in the country or out can give better account of himself when it comes to handling monies. He has an enviable record in Texas and Florida and should the A. M. E. Church call him to the honored seat as the secretary of finances, there is no possible chance of error.

Dr. H. T. Johnson and the writer are now firm friends, Dr. D. A. Graham and the writer have buried the hatchet, we now desire to see Dr. H. T. Johnson made a bishop of the A. M. E. Church and if Dr. D. A. Graham wanted anything the writer would use his influence however potent or impotent it might be in landing him. When just men shed tears over their misunderstanding it is time that the golden rule should have a double coating.

Dr. Davis of Tennessee can fill Dr. Smith's shoes exactly, and Dr. Smith can fill the Episcopal bill exactly. No interest of the A. M. E. Church can go lacking when measurements are taken in this way.

Dr. John M. Henderson may be a good great man, but he has won the ill will of the Southern delegates and when the time comes to make him take backwater the halls of the General Conference will be resounding with such eloquence as he never heard before. The orators of every crossroad are now giving the matter their attention and when John's name comes up for anything, John will wish he never saw Evans Tyree, Kealing nor any other Southern Negro.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

All Around Town

Hot Springs, Ark., Special—P. P. Thomas, of Dallas, Texas, arrived in the city last Sunday. Messrs. Peter Joiner, Geo. Montgomery and Williams Miller were out serenading last Wednesday. They rendered excellent music. Mr. Fred Burton, of Kansss City, is registered at the Hotel Manilla. Mr. J. J. Jackson is headwaiter at the Milwaukee for the season. The Park Hotel will open Dec. 1. Messrs. John Byrd, John Young and R. L. Rucker have organized a big concert company for the season headed by Evelin Joiner. The eccentric dancing comedian. They promise to give some first-class exhibitions. Mrs. Amanda Randaff, of Little Rock, is in the city visiting her son Robert. Mr. W. A. Seymour proprietor of the osmopolitan Billiard and Pool room seems to be having success in his business. Miss Almeda Davis will leave for Texarkana in a few days. C. C. Seymour says there is nothing to it at all. The night school conduct by Mr. J. F. Gulley at 303 Laurel street is doing very nicely. This is a good opportunity for our older people to learn to read and write Mr. Tom Bryant has gone to St. Paul, Minn. "The South before the War." company played to a packed house on Thanksgiving night at the opera house, Miss Roots, of St. Louis, is stopping at Mrs. Armstrong's on Walnut street. The auditorium on Thanksgiving gave a grand ball and supper which was largely attended. Mr. W. O'Brien has returned to the city, after spending several months in Montana. Hotel boys are still arriving for the season. Shelton and Richardson's Cafe and restaurant is doing splendid business. They took three copies of The Freeman last week.

BOUND THEM TO A TREE.

How an Injured Husband Treated an Erring Couple.

Big John Gillen, a well-known farmer residing on Mountain View road, near Hilton, W. Va., held up his wife to the scorn of the public in a merciless manner the other day. He also inflicted punishment on the man with whom the woman is alleged to have been intimate.

Gillen operates a small truck farm, and does team work. He is good-looking, and remarkably strong. He was married three years ago to Sarah Stack who lived with her widowed mother. The girl was handsome and inclined to be wayward. The couple had no children.

Frank Donaldson was supposed to be the cause of the estrangement of husband and wife.

Gillen finally decided to put a watch on his wife's doings. He hired a detective, who donned old clothes and applied to Gillen's house for food during the husband's absence. The woman was about to start up to the village, but delayed long enough to give the tramp a sandwich. She then went to the village, where Donaldson was waiting. The detective gained a point where he could observe all that transpired.

The young woman had a flash of liquor for her lover, also some cake. She stroked his mustache, and he in turn smoothed her tresses. The evidence alone gathered by the detective will be, it is said, sufficient for Gillen to procure a divorce. The detective met Gillen and told him of his discovery. He advised Gillen to make believe that he was going to the market the next day, and instead of going, to drive up the road and to stable his horses and return to the spot designated.

The orders were obeyed to the letter. The husband watched his wife and Donaldson for over an hour and was restrained from springing upon them only by the detective.

Soon the couple succumbed to the drugged liquor which Gillen had prepared and fell asleep on the bench where they had been sitting. The husband and detective crept upon them and bound them in standing positions to a tree a short distance from the road. In his rage Gillen stripped the captives of nearly every stitch of clothing. The bound couple recovered to find themselves in a forlorn plight. Donaldson's moustache was shorn, and his body bruised in a dozen places from blows inflicted by Gillen.

The miserable pair implored to be released, but Gillen would not relent until the pair were seen in their shame by fully a score of people, to whom the circumstances were made known.

Will "Fool" With Strange Women.

James Lee, who claims a residence at 33 Emerald street, Boston, made preparations for a visit to England, and in anticipation of his voyage drew out of the bank $850. This he put in a hand bag.

With the hand bag still in his possession, he wandered about town, taking a last look at old and familiar objects. About 10:30, while standing at the corner of Washington street and Temple place, a demure young woman, whom he describes as 32 years old, 5ft. 4in. tall, light complexion, wearing dark clothes and weighing 225 pounds, passed along. She turned and looked at him and he returned the admirng glances.

She stopped, and he advanced to meet her. Soon both repaired to a hostelry on Hayward place. Here he lavishly entertained his newly-made friend, afterward escorting her to a Brookline car. He then returned to his home, and while there something impelled him to open his handbag.

There was still money there, but it amounted to only $30. He rushed down to station 4, reported his loss, and the police are looking for the woman.

Edna May's Divorce Suit.

Edna May Titus, the actress, under the name of Edna May, who is suing Frederick Titus, the bicycle rider, for an absolute divorce, obtained a commission from Justice Scott of the supreme court, New York, so that her evidence may be taken in London. She married Titus in New York on April 14, 1896. She accuses Titus of intimacy with a chorus girl in "The Belle of New York," in which play the plaintiff took the part of the Salvation Lassie.

Patrolman M. P. Brown of Boston dropped dead recently. He had been on the force 35 years.

Jerusalem is about to be cleansed both inside and out by a sanitary committee.

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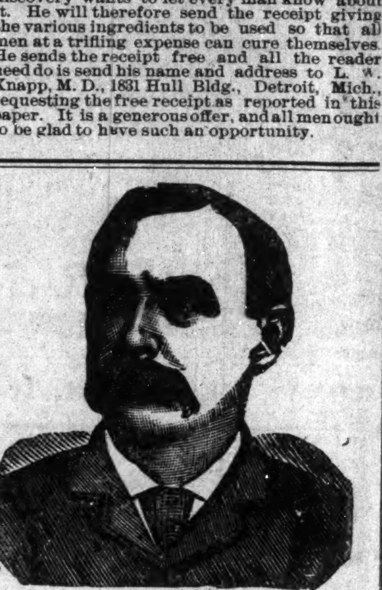

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with all their undertakings, while those who neglect his advice are still laboring against poverty. Through his perfect knowledge of chemistry he can impart to you a secret that will overcome your enemies and win you friends. His aid and advice has often been solicited; the result has always been the securing of speedy and happy marriages and all your wishes. In love affairs he never fails. He has the secret of winning the affections of the opposite sex.

It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting in senses as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Avenue; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Arthur Sewell, ship-builder, South Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Brooklyn, Aug. 15.—This is to certify that I came to New York from Albany. I was a stranger in a strange city, out of work and out of money. had no luck in anything I under took. What to do I did not know. A friend advised me to go and see Dr. Shea. I did. He told me the cause of my troubles; he took me in and treated me as a brother. Through him I got a good position that very week. I has been to others; they took my money and did me no good. I bless the day I first met Dr. Shea. I would advise all in bad luck, sick or in trouble to go to him at once. Sincerely
Albert Ayres,
2987 Atlantic avenue

Brooklyn, Aug. 15,—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now, came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely.
Mrs. Mary Miller Smith,
Plainfield, N. J.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER S STATEMENT:

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to under stand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself, I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient,s hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at once what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truly and heartily recommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind. Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn.

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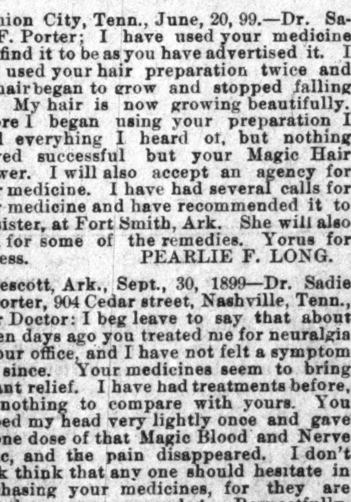

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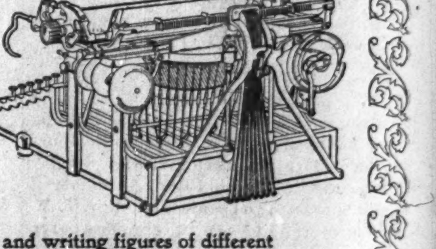

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Gertrude Idalia Harper, Michigan; Carrie Smith Barnes, Missouri; Nettie Emma Butler, Texas; Alexe Edna Pepper, Mississippi; Eliza Virginia Caldwell, Kentucky; Evangeline Greenwood, Illinois; are the six young ladies who graduated from the Provident Hospital, at Chicago, as trained nurses.

The silk mill at Fayetteville. N. C., is in operation. The owner has bought 140 acres of land nearby, and says he will establish a $2.000,000 silk plant there, moving it from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Only Negro labor is to be employed. The best types of Negroes, all educated, are alone chosen, all of them being young. Strict exam-examination is made as to moral character, and a shortcoming in this regard means failure to get work.

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President McKinley and wife tendered the bishops and missionary committee of the M. E. Church, a reception recently at the White House, and the following prominent Negroes were invited guests: Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, Cincinnati; Rev. Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate; Dr. Ernest Lyon, of Baltimore, Md.; Rev. M. W. Clair, presiding elder of the Washington district; Rev. Dr. I. L. Thomas, pastor of Asbury Church, and Rev. Dr. E. W. S. Peck, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, of Washington.

At a recent reunion of the gallant Twenty-third Indiana Regiment at New Albany, one of the most interesting persons in attendance was "Aunt" Lucy Nichols, colored, the only female member of the Grand Army of the Republic in the country She was recently granted a pension by special act of congress. If the story of the gallant Twenty-third Indiana regiment in the civil war were to be written, it would not be complete without including a sketch of "Aunt" Lucy, who, although not mustered into service, was as much a member as any of the soldiers composing it. There is not one of the surviving members who will dispute this. In fact, if you want to hear any of them become eloquent just bring up the subject of "Aunt" Lucy Nichols and these old veterans will tell you, with tears in their eyes, of the noble deeds of this old colored woman. She first joined the regiment at Bolivar, Tenn., and never left it, even for a day, until the command was mustered out at Louisville. In the more than thirty battles in which she participated she displayed a heroism equal to that of any man who fought on either side in this great conflct. A brief sketch of her life, which follows, would furnish a fitting theme for the pen of a novelist. Just about the time that the union forces had begun to recognize the Negro as contraband of war, Lucy, then a buxom young woman, with her husband, little child and severa other darkies, appeared at Bolivar, Tenn. and appealed to the troops for protection. They were foot sore and weary, having escaped from a plantation several miles distant, and were welcomed by the troops. Soon after Lucy's husband enlisted. With her baby she followed the fortunes of the Twenty-third, having been attached to the command. Before many weeks she was a favorite with officers and men. She acted as laundress, cook, sewing woman and nurse. Ever ready to sew on a button, prepare some delicacy for an invalid soldier, patch a torn uniform or forage for provisions, her popularity was immediate and unanimous.

Daily visits were made by her to the hospital, and among the sick and wounded these visits began to be expected and watched for, and many an eye brightened as she was seen hurrying along the wards. To the lips of one sufferer she would place a cup of milk, at another cot she would pause and bathe a feverish forehead, leaving a cooling cloth as she hurried away, while for another soldier there would be a bowl of appetizing broth. How she managed to secure these delicacies no one cared to ask; they were satisfied with knowing that she had them. If the truth were told, it would develop that her knowledge of the plantations enable her to secure many such articles as a spring chicken, a basket of eggs or bowl of milk while on a foraging tour. In this way she soon became an experienced nurse and was as useful as a physicion on the battlefield. It was not only in the camp and hospital, however, that she appeared to the best advantage. It was on the firing line, and, risking her life every minute, to look out for the comfort of her boys. When the occasion offered she was not averse to seizing a rifle and doing effective work against the enemy, but it was in watching out for the wounded of the command, that she displayed the greatest heroism. Wherever she saw a sick or wounded soldier, she was soon at his side, skilfully dressing a wound, holding a canteen of water to the parched lips of another, dragging a third back out of danger, that he might be cared for, and speaking words of comfort, with her honest face wet with tears, to a comrade who had fought his last battle and was dying from an enemy's bullet. It was during such scenes as these that, transformed into an angel of mercy, this true-hearted heroine won her way unfailingly to the hearts of the men of the command. Who is it, after reading this story, will say that "Aunt" Lucy is not entitled to a pension?

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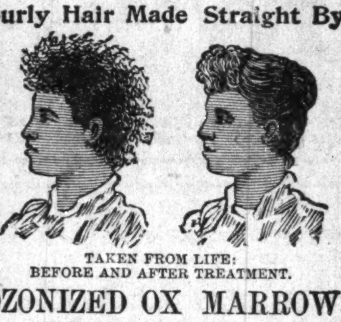

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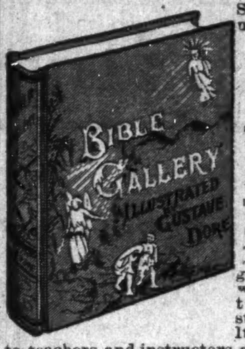

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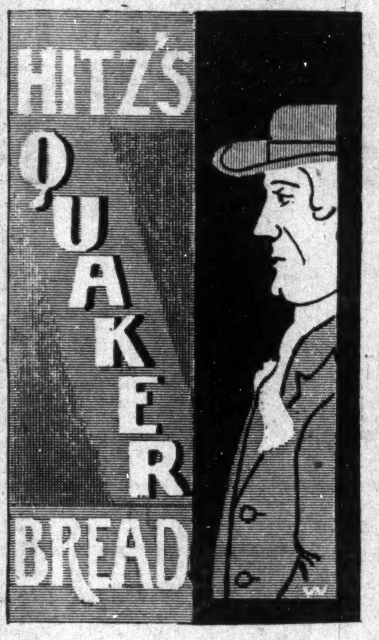

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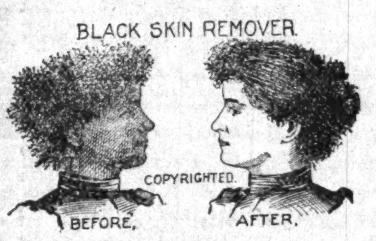

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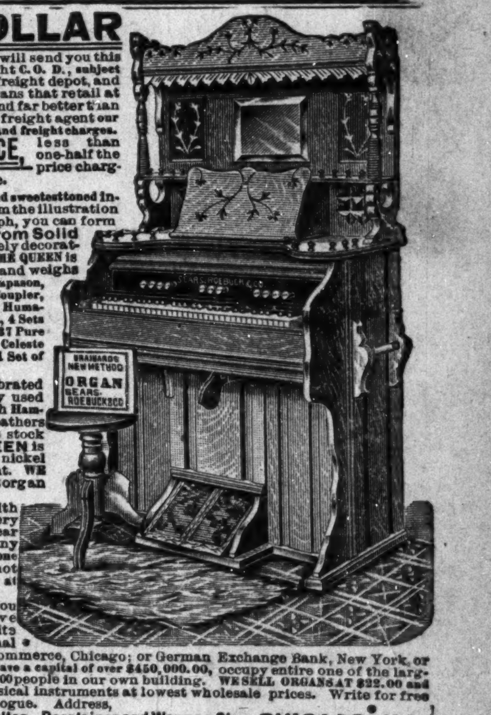
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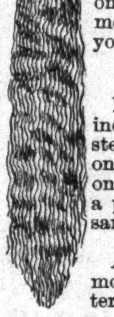

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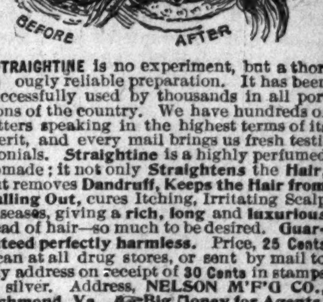

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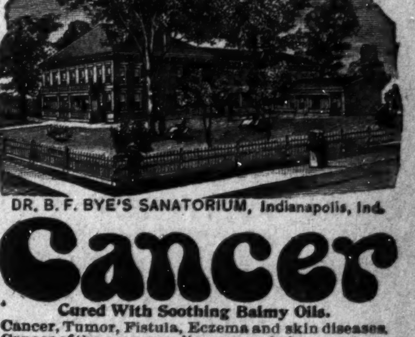

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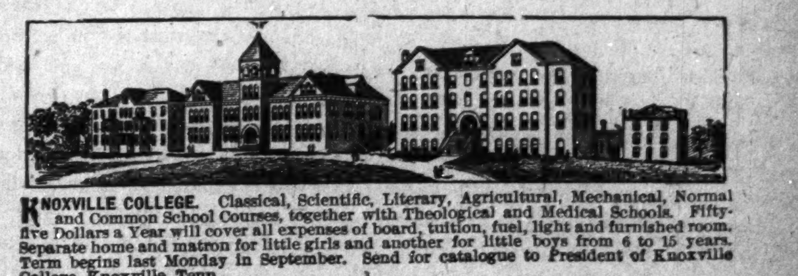

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's Message has been received by Congress and by the people at large. It gives indication of Mr. McKinley's intelligent grasp of the numerous perplexing situations that have been confronting the country for the last three years. These have been treated in a way that leaves but little room for critics either at home or abroad.

For the good of the state as against every other consideration is read between the lines. It is quite likely that no President has sent out a document that dealt so closely yet so comprehensively with every question that reached national importance.

His views on many questions of course were foreshadowed by his actions during the crises which the country has undergone.

As to the lynching question in which the race is interested peculiarly, he says:

> "The constituted authorities must be cheerfully and vigorously upheld. Lynchings must not be tolerated in a great and civilized country like the United States. Courts, not mobs, must execute the penalties of the laws. The preservation of public order, the right of discussion,, the integrity of courts, and the orderly administration of justice must continue forever the rock of safety upon which our Government securely rests."

As a president of the whole people he could scarcely say more.

It is useless to go into an extended argument to try show why it is sufficient. Suffice to say that the President has weighed carefully his ever utterance. It is not conceded that any one is more abler advised on the theory of ruling than the President, whose sole duty is to advise to be advised and to rule. Long live the President!

The Negro race is once more struck down in that one of its members has been charged with a heinous offense and who without trial of any sort has been tied to a stake and literaly burned, all in the absence of judge or jury which the law so specifically requires.

The burning, the relic grabbing seems quite beyond belief, and it simply proves the intense hate for the Negroes some localities that need but a fair provocation to be manifested. The spirit, the ghoulish glee with which the thing was attended speak volumes. Coleman was not burnt alone in the spirit of the deed.

His death through the proper course would have ridded society of his presence. But no; he must be served up as a scare crow to deter eight or ten million other "niggers" who could never dream of such a deed. It is not fair and if those people of Maysville are an exponent of the whites throughout the South; then this race problem is not nearly solved.

The white people of the United States can not afford to see that thing repeated very often. It is an easy transition from burning "Niggers" to burning others. The taste for the sport once developed will not be arrested at Negroes alone. It will spread as the lynching evil has spread. At any rate crime will be less abhorred if it in its meanest form is sanctioned by non-interference.

In defense of the Negroes, it may be said, that during their stay in America, no matter what the offense against them, and they too are human at least, can it be cited where one white child, man or woman was ever burned at a stake by a Negro.

ONE WEEK LATER.

Owing to the Great Rush of Holiday trade and an unexpected demand for space in the Holiday Issue of The Freeman, the paper will appear December 30, instead of the date heretofore advertised. This issue of The Freeman will eclipse all previous efforts in the field of Negro Journalism.

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GEO. L. KNOX, Publisher.

Maysville, Ky., last week came in for a share of unenviable notoriety. The little town had learned a lesson from the Sam. Hose tragedy of several months ago, which tragedy was the talk of the two hemispheres. Maysville has burned its Negro at a stake also!

Coleman the principal in this second tragedy was charged with an unspeakable offense against a white woman to which the crime of murder was added. There are no words of regret to be uttered for his death in event he was guilty, but who is to decide, if not the courts.

Admitting his guilt no one will insist that Coleman should be respected even as to the manner of his death. It is not Coleman that suffers it is the laws. Had the laws even said that death by fire at the stake was the penalty for such offenses, still the laws suffer in that they were not carried out by those who are authorized to do so.

POLITICS OR NOT POLITICS.

> I am not in politics, per se, nor do I intend to be, neither would I encourage my people to become mere politicians, but the question I have been discussing strikes at the very fundamental principles of citizenship.

The above are the closing remarks of Booker T. Washington in the Atlanta Constitution of Nov. 10.

Mr. Washington was asked to give an expression on the Hardwick bill and in so doing gave utterance to many of his well known views as to the existence of the two races in friendly relationship in the South.

It will be noted that he does not care to enter the arena of politics, yet he fairly confesses that the great work in which he is engaged is so intimately connected with politics that there is no divorcement. And such is the case.

It must be conceded by the students of the racial problem in America that after the social phase, that of politics is the one that obtrudes itself most offensively. The industrial phase is less disturbing than the social phase or that of politics. It is quietly resolving itself into the expected conditions, because industry, and thrift are expected of every man bond or free. If that was the only phase the agitation that is apparent would be otherwise. The industrial phase to a great extent has lain within the grasp of the race always. In justification to the race, however, it may be said that unexpected burdens, tasks are imposed, such as are not common to the whole people, in order to bring about an industrial progress in accordance with the times. In other words, the Negroes are not personae gratae to the business institution as they find them existing; but to a great extent must create peculiar institutions, that is race institutions for the race. But in the end, as Mr. Washington has so often demonstrated, this serves as an entering wedge, that will, if followed up, put the race in touch with all business concerns. The dollar here is the panacea.

In politics it is different, and as Mr Washington hints, things may be so manipulated politically as to strike at the very principles of citizenship. The industrial phase may be cared for by insinuating methods; but in politics there are no by ways and circuitous routes to eminence. It is an open affair; all are at once vitally concerned, since there is no concealment of the hopes and expectations.

While politics occupy the middle ground of importance yet by some mental jugglery it is the Gibralter by which racial prosperity must pass especially in the South. Civil, not to speak of social parity can not be appreciably approximated as long as Negro respect can be struck down from this strong hold. Not that this social nearness is advocated but it seems to be a part of the problem—the very essenc of it; the castle of which politics is the redoubt—the moat—the drawbridge.

This political striking down operates not only as a bar against social advancement or to put it milder, civil advancement; but it serves often as a shield from behind which thrust are made at the industrial advancement by those who are narrow enough to take exceptions to it. But as before stated that phase of the problem is in a more satisfactory state of solution, The shafts and arrows aimed at it fall short, since the people as whole have not much prejudice against industrial progress, but it may happen that the individual exists who cares not to see too much industrial prosperity; he gets in his works before the shield of politics.

It thus appears that politics is so closely interwoven into the problem that no matter from what point of the argument one proceeds he must necessarily arrive there. Mr. Washington can not get away from it as he has tried. He is convinced as other thinking individuals that politics as the problem stands to-day can not be eliminated. The greatest blows given the race have been dealt by state legislatures. If Politics is worked to pass anti-lynching measures, parties are denounced because they fail to do this and that for the race—thus dragging the whole race into the question; so much so that it is considered a kind of barometer—every thing gauged by success in politics.

It is to be understood that these expressions are meant only as a reflection of what seems to be a true condition. It should be otherwise. There should be some phase of the question that should not have this Rubicon to pass.

Finally it may be summed, that politics is the great bar where the race is to be tried for sins real or apparent, of commission or omission. The legislatures of the South up until Georgia broke away have been most persistent in curtailing the rights and privileges of Negroes. This, as Mr. Washington says is striking at the root of the liberties of the people; it is politics, They must be saved as they have been lost—through politics. Politics must be employed that preserve and not destroy, If it means fleeing the thing altogether and that, that preserves, it must be fled. That is politics also.

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Lew Peyton has closed with the "Old Southern Life" company.

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Dudley & Perrin send regards to Marsh Craig, Dick Thomas and the McCarver.

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Amos Gillard trombone player, of Charleston S. C. joined the Big Minstrel Festival.

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W. A. Dixon, tenor, is scoring big hits nightly and making new friends on the coast.

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Chas. H. Gant, musical artist, with the "Old Southern Life" company sends regards to all friends.

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Harry Fidler sends regards to the Indianapolis big four—Shelton, Stevenson, Temple and Tolliver.

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LaShe, slackwire artist, writes that he is meeting with great success in California. He sends regards to all friends.

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Irving Jones, of the trio—Jones, Grant and Jones, with the Imperial Burlesquers, was a Freeman caller Wednesday.

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Henry Carter sends regards to Chas. Parker, John Jackson and John Eason, also to all members of the B. O. of B.

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Will A. Humphreys writes that the "Coontown Four Hundred" is playing to the best business ever known through Manitoba.

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"Billy" Porter, comedien, with the Georgias succeeds in keeping the audience in an uproar with his funny sayings and witticisms

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The members of the Williams & Walker company had a delightful Thanksgiving in Louisville, Ky. Invitations to dinners were numerous.

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Miss Odessa Warren and Madge Warren, of the Williams & Walker company are very popular in Cincinnati, O., as that was formerly their home.

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Bert A. Williams has just completed another great song. It will be introduced by his partner, George W. Walker in the "Policy Players" soon.

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John Vaughner sends regards to all members of the "Coontown 400" and "The Hottest Coon in Dixie" companies, also to Chas. Arnold and Georgia Dobbs.

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Prof. Jas. A. Willis, the 'Black Herrmann' has closed with Georgia Up to Date at Minneapolis, Minn., and is now playing dates, He sends regards to all friends.

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Madam Kersands repertoire of songs, "Take it Back Judge," "Gimme My Money" and "My Mother's Picture on the Wall" are winning rounds of applause in their act.

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Wm. S. LeVard, the Black Millionaire, is playing dates through New York. He sends regards to friends with the Scott's, Richard & Pringle, and Nashville Students companies and R. H. Barnett and the band.

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"Hello Billy Kersands, the Mallory Bro. send regards and say we are in Cleveland this week and stopping with Jim Gilliam Street cars are running regular here and passengers sit upright in a proper manner although we have been informed here that a certain party while here last summer laid flat on the floor of the car; further remarks unnecessary—ahem—Frank Mallory.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Washington were the host and hostess of Billy and Madam Kersands while at Jacksonville. Access to Mrs. Washington's kitchen was a special pleasure accorded Madam Kersands.

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Jno. G. Bone, Chattanooga, Tenn.—Yes. Eugene Hillman, late member of the musical team of Hillman & Perrin, is dead. He died in New York City, March 1898, from injuries received, while on the road.

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John H. Smith, principal comedian with the "Old Southern Life" company sends regards to Mr, and Mrs. Ray Trusty, Billy and Madrid Jackson, the Golden Gate Quartette and Walter Emery, of Emery & Asher.

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Notes from Stowes Uncle Toms Cabin Company—W. H. Flamer & John W. Barr closed the 9th. Joe Kelley, Walter Smith & Ivory Hamilton closed the same day. Alexander Johnson our tenor soloist has been suffering with a severe cold for the past two weeks; but he thinks he will be able to work in a few days.

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Billy Caldwell, the original, has returned to Chicago, having just finished a successful season of vaudeville dates. Mr. Caldwell and the well known comedian, Lew Henry, and they will appear in an original act, entitled: "The Disappointed Coon." Mr. Caldwell has also written three new catchy songs which will be introduced in the act. The team name hereafter will be Caldwell & Henry. They open in Chicago week of Dec. 25, and then go East.

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D. Ireland Thomas, the popular stage manager of the Melroy-Chandler Minstrels is sick in St. Louis. He is suffering from throat troubles and the enlargement of the liver. He is under the care of Dr. Logan who advised Mr. Thomas to stop work for the present and go South and rest up. For the past season he has been overworked, having written several plays, among them are "The Darktown Fair," and "A Coontown Holiday," both are being played with success by the Mobile Minstrels and Arkansas Travelers. He will go to New Orleans shortly.

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Notes from Williams & Walker company—Ike McBeard and wife joined us in Cincinnati, O. this week. The colored Elks of Cincinnati entertained some of our members in honor of Mr. Bert Williams who is a member of the same lodge. We are all looking forward for Christmas, as we are to be in Chicago that week and the manager is going to tender us a banquet and has already appointed Misses Mattie Wilkes Mazie Brooks, Lottie Thompson, Eugenia Wadsworth, Ada Overton and Gracie Haliday as special committees on arrangements, we are also going to have a Christmas tree so please send all presents for the company in care of Ed Thomas as he is to be our Santa Claus. Send presents with all charges prepaid.

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Notes from Old Southern Life company—John H. Smith our principal comedian is leaving them screaming nightly after Bob Coles "chicken?" Maybelle Johnson our clever Soubretta is kicking them to death with the "Oriental Coon." Wesley-Hills Ida is scoring a tremendous hit featuring Rastus Thompson rag time cake walk. W. M. Kelley our famous male soprano takes three and four nightly? Dick Duson claims he's an old man! Estella C. Brown primadonna is commented all along the line, for her sweet voice and remarkable range. Our clever little child artist Naoma Bronw is doing big singing, "Hello my baby." Our gardian officer Edward Heater is on the sick list he leaves for home to day to recuperate our blessings goes with you. Lew Payton singing and talking comedian has closed, don't tampa with the "big gun" Lew? Chas R. Hunter claims "I'll leave my happy home for you?" Make her go, big Charlie?

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Miss Bessie Lee writes the following from Birmingham, Eng., under date of Nov. 22:—"I have just returned from a big continental engagement taking in Paris, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Belgium and Leipsic with enormous success. Over here I have heard big and fine reports of The Freeman. The Mobile Comedy Quintette has also just finished a big engagement at the Casino de Paris. The Farrells are also doing fine over here. We are often together in London—the Farrells, the Mobile Comedy Quintette and myself. The Mobile Comedy Quintette and myself will return to America in April. We all send regards to all friends in the profession. Myself and the Mobile boys are on the same bill for two weeks, which happens every now and then. The Farrells are doing splendid in London. Just before we return the Mobile Comedy Quintette will give a grand prize cake walk, in which the Farrells will take part; they are going to make it the biggest thing in cake walking ever held in England. They are crazy over the cake walk over here in this country.

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J. Harry Martinette writes the following from Harwick Essex, England, under date of Nov. 30—"The Old Plantation Trio—Martinette, Roddy and Wallace, are well and doing well. To-day is Thanksgiving day in America, but not on this side of the pond, nevertheless we celebrated it by laying off. We are setting them wild with our brass band, and there is only eight of us. The press and public say that we march faster play louder than any band ever seen in England, according to the number of people. The S. R. O. sign makes its appearance regularly. We will return to America in May or June for a short stay. It is asked every day on parade 'What is that brass pipe (saxophone) that man is playing!' 'Well he beats anything I ever heard.' Ed H. Wallace is quite a favorite, and Ed P. Roddy always pleases. The overture written by J. Harry Martinette and played by his orchestra nightly never fails to bring a round of applause. Rag-time music, over here, is something out of reach for the English people, they say that they don't understand it, but we do. Regards to C. A. Hughes, Elmore Dodd, Harry A. Royston and all other professional friends.

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J. Ed. Green of the "Festival" writes:—This past week was one of long strides, making four states in the week beginning at Raleigh N. C. as one state, two stands, thence to Chalreston, S. C. then Savannah Ga., thence to the State of Florida which caused us to make immediate trains after the show. However the performance took as well as one of Alcott's porous plasters. On would think that since the race riot at Wilmington, colored people would be rather scarce but its entirely different. There seems to be more. Our house has been nightly filled to its capacity and at Charleston S. C., the "Billy Kersands 'mon' was a popular person. Hobson couldn't have found more favor. At Savannah Ga. the famous Billy and company were tendered a reception and lunch by Mr. Geo. H. Jones, proprietor of the Brunswick Cafe, after the performance. 'Jackey' Smith the leader of the Piccaniny Drum Corps has been supplied with a number of new 'pics' and is again wearing his commanding aspect. Will Crane our phenomenal tenor will introduce, 'Sing Me A Song of the South,' at New Orleans. Allie Brown is back at his post again walking the wire with his usual daringness. Florence Hines still continues to please. The Bailey and Dodd musical act holds the same record to please. Our Florida trip was pleasant and snow and ice are to be read about not seen here. The gang enjoys a very interesting lesson weekly with a new teacher at every meeting. Wooten is going into the insurance business. The reserve list consisting of Hedgepath, Mason, Secondeena, and the Macon City 'Kid' say they're living easy. J. Cashin, of Jacksonville, Fla., gave the boys a blow out.

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Notes from Georgia Minstrel.—"Thanksgiving has come and gone leaving in the minds of the members of the Old Reliable Georgians the memory of a dinner, never to be forgotten. Thanksgiving day we played at Santa Barbara, Cal., a grand old historic city whose inhabitants represent people from all parts of the globe; here we find the hustling American, the thrifty grasping Englishman, the haughty Spaniard, the lazy indolent Mexican, the busy Chinaman, the little Japanee, quite a number of Indians and last but not least are quite a number of colored people who appear to be doing well. After a long ride of two hundred miles, we arrived at 1 o'clock and found the streets crowded with people waiting to see the street parade. We were highly applauded all along the line. By a great deal of hustling we got the curtain up at 3 o'clock, the house was crowded, after the matinee we all went to our cars and found a dinner fit for the Gods awaiting us which our illustrious manager, Thomas Culligan had instructed our chef Geo. Kitchen to prepare for us Tis useless to say that we did ample justice to the turkey, oysters, celery, cranbury sauce, banana fritters, oranges, nuts and other viands spread for us; but we certainly "layed 'em" down, and the wine, well we drank wine instead of water; as all things must come to an end so did our great dinner and at last each and every one announced himself filled up and could go no further. We played to a crowded house at the night performance several hundred persons were compelled to go away as standing room only could be had. The morning paper stated that all those who were fortunate enough to see the Georgias were lucky, for it was the best and cleanest ministrel that had ever played in this city.

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Mr. Clarence E. Henderson of the Oliver Scott's Minstrel writes:—"We are still touring the state of Missouri but to-day ends our engagement in this state. Last night's engagement in Joplin was great playing behind three big spectacular companies. This part of the state is on a boom and money is no object to the people here. The S. R. O. sign was out by eight o'clock last night and a big smile was all over the face of our manager. The boys are having a large time as there is always a large crowd waiting out in front to take the boys out for a good time. The band is creating a big excitement and everybody says its the best little minstrel band ever heard. Rastus certainly will draw a crowd with his snare drum. He always has his part of the praise. Ver Valin & Godman are still pleasing the people with their musical act and never fail to get their encores. Mrs. Ver Valin has been with the show one week visiting her husband. Mr. Powell, the monologue artist keeps the audience yelling from his appearance until he finishes his act. Mr. S. R. Moore is proving himself an interlocutor. Bob Pannell the funny coon is still making a hit with the people. Pannell sends regards to Dick Thomas and Bob Kemp. John Jackson had quite a nice time with Mr. Prior, the greatest trombonist in the world, at St. Joseph. It was very kind of Mr. Prior, letting Mr. Jackson use his own special make of trombone during our engagement there. Well the boys are all talking of the presents they expect Christmas and in fact all expect to be well pleased on that day. Bridget says hold on there Viney, I am in the last act, too. Messrs. Ricks Parker and Craton went out hunting and brought back hares enough to supply the company, Parker winning the laurels as a marksman. John Easton has formed a new method. He carrys his old bass to the car after each concert then he is free. Chic—ke—n is still the favorite dish at hotel de Columbus and no one fails to meet the dog. Clarence Henderson sends regards to J. E. Sherman. Creighton, the slack wire artist and juggler has just rceived a new outfit from New York and makes quite an improvement on his act. N. T. Kitchie says 'Ah, the loving minstrel man. Jeffrie Bass has gained the reputation as the fighting man and the boys say he goes a few lines

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Charles A. Hunter our correspondent with The Original Nashville Students and Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival, writes: We have now entered "Sunny Tennessee." At Nashville, the birth place of the Nashville Students. We did an enormous business at the Masonic Theatre. After our parade all members of the company visited the Universities Fisk and Rodger Williams, and Central Tennessee College. All the members enjoyed themselves immensely. Miss Ida Lee Wright has returned to the company after a three weeks visit with friends in Chicago, Kansas City and Topeka. The company was glad to welcome the genial little lady once more into our midst. John Stewart, better known as Jocks our slack wire artist sends regards to LaShe and Allie Brown, and says he is preparing for the big "Meet" in Chicago. Harry Prampins Peerless Concert Band scored a pronounced success in Nashville. Our concert program was as followers: a, "Ceasars Triumphial" march; b, Selection "Torquatto Tasso." Caverlier Rusticana. c, "Chicago Tribune;" d, Ballad, music from "William Tell;" Porti Rica Dance and Mr Cat; "Nuff Said;" There aint but 19 of us in this Band but every one counts. See! At Lexington, Ky. both the press and the public pronounced this the best Minstrel aggregation that has held the boards this season. Ray Trusty, A. P. Harris, John Vaughner and Samuel Robinson of Monarchs of Merriment are making "em" turn red in the face nightly, from laughter. Bennie Jones and Cotton eye Joe of Jones and Williams are scoring it every evening. We send regards to all members of the tri-minstrel enterprise, and wish them the good will of all our professional brethren We are not so presumptous as to imagine that we are "all of it" as do some of our "self highly esteemed stars; but, resorting again to slang phrase we are also "in it." We are pleased to hear of the success scored by Mr. Christian as an interlocutor and wish him God's speed. That fact itself will substantiate to the ministrel world that there are many unknown and brighter stars than those taught to us by mere fiction. Jas. Wilson our solo cornetist promises to be the peer of them all. It's awful; but the boys says it is true. Mr. Prampin sends regards to Lacy. Patrick, Thompson and Handy also wants to be specially remembered to P. G. Lowery.

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B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

When I opened my Freeman a week or two ago, the following paragraph arrested my eye·

"For several months as Uncle Noah Baxter would say, "My pen's been broke and my inks dried up." I'm glad to have taken a much needed vacation from the public gaze. Many dear distinguished friends including Edward Elmore Brock, Augustus M. Hodges, Booker T. Washington, W. S. Scarborough and many indeed of a smaller calibre have felt some solicitude about my silence and were kind enough to say so but I have been 'splitting kindling wood' down here at Waco in the great State of Texas, 'where much agitation was needed to be made." Hereafter Bro. Knox's great Freeman will contain weekly, 'Majors Melange.' "

Well, I swan! If here ain't Doc Majors back looking for his seat at our "Round Table." Take your old seat my literary friend. First let me brush off the dust of ages, it seems, from the bottom of your chair and tear the cob webs from between its arms. Now sit down and in the language of "Uncle Noah Baxter, help us to "push the progress of the race along." As the old car is stuck in the mud again. In the language of the street, the race's progress seems "stuck on itself" or stuck by itself anyway it is stuck.

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TO MAKE MEN FREE.

From The Denver News.

To make men free has been the dream
Of every noble soul on earth—
To bring a better time to birth;
To see the future's hills agleam
With the first holy light
Of a new era bright,
From which the human might
Of ages speeds away.
Its sable folds withdrawn
Before the golden dawn,
Where earth goes rolling on,
Into the grander day.
To make men free from court and throne,
Free from the money-changers greed
Free from hypocrisy and creed,
Free from the dreaded lash of need,
And free to reap where they have sown;
Free from earth's scourge, the conqueror,
Free from the murderous lust of war,
Free from the robbers cry of more,
And free to have their own.
Free voluntarily to share
Their blessings for the common good;
Free to each other's burdens bear,
In helpfulness and brotherhood;
Free in security to live
And seek the blessing of content;
Free in the freedom love can give,
The freedom of enlightenment!
To make men free! It is with me
The dearest purpose of my heart,
That I may know and do my part,
To help the cause of liberty;
My energy and my life to be
Made consecrate to the one theme,
The single purpose and the dream,
In every land, to make men free—
To make men free.

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At this writing the American Negro is free only in name. He is a slave to himself and his white brother in America. If he can not break the civil, social, and political fetters the white man has put upon him he should try hard to break the fetters of disunion and treachery he has placed upon himself.

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To free his race should be the dream
Of every colored man on earth
To bring a better time to birth;
To see our future paths agleam
With a true progressive light
Of a new era bright
From which our wrongs of ages might
In peace be swept away.
Their sable forms withdrawn
Before progression's dawn
And we go marching on
Towards a brighter day.

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During the dying year what have you done, my dear reader to advance the condition of humanity in general and the race in particular, anything or nothing?

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

All persons who have had correspondence with me during the year 1899, whose letters have been answered and they have not sent return answers; all persons who have written to me and for (some cause or another) have not received replies are hereby demanded and respectfully requested to write me again. To those who owe me business letters I "demand" a reply; to those I have overlooked I respectfully request them to write again, with stamp of course.

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Does it pay to be or try to be a race teacher; to neglect your private business; to jeopardize your bread and butter for the good of the race? Does it pay to try to instruct the race as preachers, teachers, writers and speakers? We will, before answering, eliminate the preacher as his task is a religious duty from which he dare not shirk; he expects to get his reward in heaven and although his teachings require men to live better here in order to live happy in the hereafter, from a logical view, he, to use a business term, "deals in futures."

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I know from experience that it does not pay from a financial viewpoint to be a "race leader" or to put it in proper words (as we have no "race leaders" as the race will not follow a race leader and if it would there is no leader to follow) it does not pay to write an article or romance for a Negro newspaper "for the good of the race" or for fame when you can write a story for a white newspaper or magazine for $25 or $100. If you have a family to feed you will find you can buy more food with the $100 bill than you can with the editorial 'puff' (the same size of the bill) you will get from the Negro journal. If you doubt this statement, try it.

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The question I would like to ask is, Does it pay from a moral or progressive viewpoint to throw away brain and brawn, mind and muscle, time and money, teaching speaking and writing to the race to make it free, "—free from court and throne. * * * * Free from hypocrisy and creed?"

That's the question, and the answer is, I regret to say, "no, it does not pay for the instruction goes in one ear of the race and out of the other." Unpleasant facts are no less facts.

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Yesterday I was looking over the files of the three leading Negro newspapers to wit: "The Freeman," "The Colored American" and "New York Age." If half, yes one fifth of the teachings and preachings found in the papers just reviewed; if one tenth of the intelligent members of the race had followed the writings of our best thinkers and teachers found in these papers, we would have solved the "race problem." These wise words I've just reviewed went in one ear of the American Negro and out of the other.

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As a matter of fact we as a race are retrograding, socially and politically and—well, in fact every way. We do not "cut the ice" we did twenty years ago.

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I would respectfully and pointedly remind the young folks "out here" that it is their duty to send "the old folk at home" down South a nice Christmas box by express, charges all paid, or if they live too remote from town, one or two nice new ten dollar bills sent in a registered letter will do. In fact two or four old five dollar bills will do. I want you to attend to this matter just as soon as you see this Bluster in print. See?

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ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENCE.

B. W. Green, Prescott, Ark—Asked me, some time ago to answer several questions, with the request that they be answered through the "Bluster" column his letter has been overlooked for weeks and I must now reply. Green who is a bright 20th century lad asks:

"As you are a great writer for The Freeman will you please answer the following questions through the Bluster? viz: 1. What of the future of the Negro? 2. What steps best for him to take? 3. How many Negro newspapers are published in the United States? 4. Which are the best ones? 5. Has any Negro gone around the world? Hoping and believing you will answer the above asked questions through your Bluster in The Freeman as I am only a lad of a boy and desires to receive an answer to the questions asked. Respectfully—B. W. Green."

In reply to question 1st, my boy, let me say that, as the future of the American Negro looks, at this writing, very dark, in fact, I can see no social or political future and very little civil future. The future is in the hands of you bright boys, carefully read this Bluster from "A to Z" reflect and write some again. Question 2d, Emulate the white man's virtues; eschew his vices. Question 3d. There are up-to-date 309 newspapers and six magazines in the United States published by Afro-Americans. Question 4th. The three best Negro newspapers are the following: The Freeman, published by George L. Knox, at Indianapolis, Ind.; The Colored American, published at Washington, D. C., by E. E. Cooper assisted by R. W. Thompson, Esq., and the New York Age, published by T. Thomas Fortune. Subscribe for them and you will know what steps to take to aid your race progress. Question 5th. Booker T. Washington, O. M. McAdoo, Bishop Turner, Bishop Tanner and Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett have been all over Europe. The only person of color who has been around the world to my knowledge, that started from, say, New York city and returned to New York by the way of "Frisco" is John H. Smith, Esq., president of the H. H. Garnett Club of Brooklyn who is writing a book about the parts of the world he has seen. He has been in all parts and speaks ten languages fluently.

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If this should find its way in print before Christmas, I wish you a Merry Christmas, gentle or savage reader, and don't fail to renew your subscription to The Freeman for 1900.—B. SQUARE.

"The Turning Point," is the caption of an article by Hon. John C. Dancy of Wilmington, Del., same will appear in the Christmas Number of The Freeman Dec. 23.

KING OF MEXICAN GAMBLERS.

Don Filipe Martel pays $1,000 a day License, But Has Made Millions.

When, a few years since, the Mexican government sought to abolish gambling throughout the land, the measure was vigorously opposed, not only by the profession itself, but by many of the richest and most influential citizens of the republic as well, the latter element declaring that in the event of their being prohibited from their beloved and inherent pastime they would remove to some domain where their rights and predilections would be respected. The authorities, however, determined not to be outdone, yet not wishing to disregard outright the demands of the sporting fraternity, conceived the idea of fixing a license, the exorbitance of which would be productive of the same results as would prohibition. A law was therefore established requiring every gambling resort to pay a daily license of $1,000. The result was that on the same day the ordinance was announced the gambling houses throughout the country promptly closed their doors—all but one. Don Filipe Martel had calmly waited until the last of his contemporaries had gone to the wall, whereupon he presented himself at the Tax Collector's office in the City of Mexico and, depositing $1,000 in cash, modestly requested a license. The amazed officials could scarcely believe their senses, but the coverted document was nevertheless forthcoming, and by nightfall it had been noised all over the city that Martel's establishment on the Calle de Gante would be open that evening as usual for business.

The effect of this display of nerve acted as magic upon those who had opposed the reformatory measure. That night Martel's place was thronged with the wealthiest sporting element in the city, and the profits of the establishment ran far into the thousands. The following day others, stimulated by the success of the bold venture, took out their license and endeavored to resume, but to no avail. Martel had won the patronage and support of the players at a stroke and was quickly left in sole possession of the field. As time went by his phenomenal success continued, and one after another he established branches in various portions of the city, for each of which he pays an additional thousand dollars license.

When, eventually, it became apparent to the city administration that Martel was there to stay, and possibly not unmindful of the immense revenue he was paying into the municipal treasury, the authorities became reconciled. They even added to his prestige by appointing a deputy inspector for each of his establishments, whose duty is to see that no unfair methods are resorted to by either the management or players. Up to the present period Felipe Martel has acquired a fortune of over $2,000,000, and the average daily expense of conducting his establishments is the incredible sum of $40,000.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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News Notes.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Special—Miss Lillian Pettiford has been very ill but is better now. Miss Belle Coleman filled the Messiah Baptist church pulpit Sunday evening, Dec. 3, in her most pleasing manner, she delivered a most able sermon. Dr. Hurley of Detroit was in attendance at the quarterly meeting held at the Arnett Chapel Nov. 3, and filled the pulpit in the afternoon and evening. Mr. F. Redell is very sick with dropsy. Mrs. Chambers continues to improve. The fair that was given by the Odd Fellows during the week Nov. 27 to Dec. 5, was very successful Every night the hall was crowded and the committees were oblige to resupply their booths every day. Mrs. George Smith was made to rejoice by the arrival of her husband, on the evening of Dec. 5. Miss Lillian Pettiford has just recovered from a severe attack of what would have been a cancer of the stomach. On thanksgiving night a scene from "Zoroaster" the "Sufferings of Nehusta" was presented at the Messiah Baptist church. The following were the principal characters: Nehusta, Ida Smith, Atossa, Miss Adeline Carter; Zoroaster Mr. P. Bass, Priests, Leroy Jones, Will Burton, Harry Cook, and Mr. Kelley, Slaves, Mrs. F. I. Ballard and Daisy Owens.

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Mr. Chas. A. Nickens, of Mattoon, Ill., died at the home of his brother in this city Wednesday of Brights disease, furneral at Vermont street Friday at 2 o'clock under the auspicis of I. O. O. F. Lodge. He leaves a wife. Burial at Piqua, Ohio, Saturday Dec. 16.

Muncie News.

Muncie, Ind., Special—Services were held at both the churches last Sunday with good attendance. Mr. Vaine Benson preached his trial sermon Sunday morning at the A. M. E. church. Miss Narcissa Newton entertained a few friends at dinner Sunday at her home in Whitely. Miss Lenora Adams who has been ill is some better. Mr. Grant Frazier is somewhat indisposed. There was a box social given at the Second Baptist church Thursday night, it was reported a financial success. Mr. John Curtis is visiting friends in Marion. Mrs. Minnie Dixon is convalscent. Mr. Herman Frazier of N. Main street who had his foot badly cut is able to be out again. Mr. Homer Raymond is reported come better. Mr. Arthur McCray who was hurt in a collision Thanksgiving is able to be out again. John Douglass was confined to his home a few days on account of sickness. Miss Artie Curtis entertained a few friends at the home of her brother Monday night Dec. 4. Everybody reported a fine time. Mr. John Williams and Wm. Jackson of Anderson spent a fews days with friends in our city. Miss Stella Skelton daughter of Mr. David Skelton died Sunday at 12:30 P. M., her funeral was preached Wednesday at 2:30 p. m., at Second Baptist church. Mr. Warren Richardson and wife, of Anderson, have moved to our city where they will make their future home. Mr. Richardson is employed at the Whitely Casting Factory. Mrs. Richardson is a graduate of our public schools. Mr. Henry A. Moore P. G. M. of Indianapolis and Mr. S. M. Raines P. G. M. of Fort Wayne are in our city setting up a Commendary of Widows Son Lodge F. & A. M. No. 22, Wednesday evening there will be a public installation, to install the officers of the commandary at the A. M. E. church Mr. and Mrs. William Barclay entertained a few friends at a Kentucky oyster supper Monday evening, music and dancing were the features of the evening. Mr. Rufus King of Anderson furnished music for the occasion. Every body reported a good time.

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All engraved free.

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All gloves purchased at $1 or more warranted, fitted and kept in repair, also fancy glove boxes given free with each pair of gloves

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A LITTLE SCHEME.

The Politician's Way of Finding Out How the Vote Stood.

"I was greatly puzzled Election day," said an amateur politician, "at the confidence with which a certain old-time leader, who is a particular friend of mine, gave out the exact character of the vote polled up to that hour at one of the down-town precincts, where he was stationed. 'It stands at present —— for Flower, —— for Capdevielle, and —— tickets scratched,' he said, in reply to my question, giving the precise number of votes, which I have forgotten. Oh, come, now! I protested laughingly, 'you may have a general idea of the lay of the land, but I can't believe you know exactly how many ballots each candidate has received.' 'It's just like I tell you,' he replied solemnly. 'Well how do you do it?' I asked. 'You are certainly not basing your figures on what the voters say, are you?' 'Not on your shirt studs,' he answered, grinning. I'm too old for such foolishness as that. But I don't mind putting you on, in strict confidence. Do you see that window with the blinds half drawn over there?' he added, pointing to the fourth story of the house opposite. 'Yes, what of it?' 'Well, there's a man in the shadow with a pair of strong field glasses. from where he stands he can see right down into the open top of the voter's box, and field glasses make it exactly like looking over the fellow's shoulder inside. I don't say he can tell what separate names are scratched, but he can see easily enough when any scratching is being done, and which ticket is stamped and goes straight. Then he gives me a signal from the window, and I jot it down in my little book, with possibly the name of the voter—just for future reference. There's no chance of a mistake. It's a sure thing.' I glued my eye on the window the next time a man went into the booth, and presently I saw a movement in the shadow and a flash of glass. Then a hand was waved up and down the left side of the sill. That's another scratched ticket,' said my friend, pulling out his little red book."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

FUTURE OF CUBA.

Business Development and Chances For Investment.

For the island of Cuba there is a great future prospect. The general condition of trade and commerce has grealy improved within the past few greatly improved within the past two months. The expansion in this respect is not as rapid as some might wish, but it is steady. Each day sees a greater volume of money in circulation in the island, due to the growth of internal trade, while the import and export trade is likewise improving. Cuba is a country of wonderful natural resources. It is a country which can be develaoped into one of the greatest in the universe. Its people are willing and ready, and all that is required is the continuance of a wise and intelligent administration of the affairs of the island. There has been a marked change for the better in the condition of the working classes lately. At the termination of the war their state was deplorable. There was then very little demand for labor. Now, however, there is work to be had both in the cities and in the outlying districts, and any sober, industrious and reliable man can find employment. The demand for labor is strengthening daily.

American capital is finding a great field for investment in Cuba, and the outlook for increasing the volume of invested money there is bright. There is no doubt that hundreds of thousands of dollars in this country are now in waiting for guarantee of safety. As it stands now, capitalists are in doubt as to the future disposition of the island; they are therefore holding back until some really permanent plan is in operation. All that is desired by these people is that a system of government shall be inaugurated which will permanently insure the protection of life and property. The establishment of a stable government will be followed by the influx of an enormous amount of foreign capital. There is a great deal of money to be made in Cuba by American investors.—Fitzhugh Lee, in New York World.

PUT TO TEST.

If the St Kildan Swain Survives It He Gets Married.

Both in the northern and western islands of Scotland the natives have some peculiar customs, unfamiliar to the dwellers of the mainland. One of these, known as the "marriage test," is practiced in the island of St. Kilda, where the population barely exceeds a hundred. The desire among the islanders to increase this number does not seem to be exceptionally strong, and every man before he is deemed suitable for a husband has to perform an evolution, with no little bodily risk. The St. Kildan's are, of course, adept dock climbers, and the aspirant for matrimony is therefore subjected to the test of balancing himself on one leg on a narrow ledge overhanging a precipice, bending his body at the same time in order to hold the foot of his other leg in his hands. If found lacking in courage the maiden withdraws her betrothal, and should the man fall over theledge it is presumed that, in his case, he will be disqualified.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

England's Post Cards.

A notice issued by order of the Postmaster-General says: "On November 1, 1899, a new inland and a foreign post card, 5½x3½ inches in size, will be issued. These cards (single and reply) will be sold at the same price respectively as the present inland thin cards and the present foreign cards. The issue of the oblong stout cards (single and reply) will be discontinued, when 4½x3½ inches will be the only stout cards (single and reply) of the present court size, 4½x3½ inches will be the only stout cards on sale in future The price of these stout cards will remain unaltered. From the date mentioned the maximum size of private cards will be increased from 5½x3½ inches, to correspond with the size of the new cards."—London Times.

CEREAL EXPORTS.

Statistics of the Way This Country Feeds the World.

The importance of the American farmer is not revealed in its fullest extent until his relation to the world's food supply is considered That relation it may be stated is a very intimate one, as men of all nations would attest if the farmer should suddenly decide to go out of business and live on the gains of the past two years. Then the old adage "Half a loaf is better than none," might find a more literal interpretation than in this well-fed age.

One cannot travel through the big wheat farms of the northwest without being wonderfully impressed with their show of industry and enterprise. They give the farmer his most favorable background. But it is necessary to resort to dull statistics to know the part played by the agriculturists of the United States in guarding the world from a perpetual hunger, to say nothing of the American cattlemen.

To begin at once on facts, the American farmer is responsible for annual exports aggregating in value $300,000,000 for cereal alone. This, be it remembered, is after catering to a very heavy home demand. The largest single item is furnish by wheat. Corn, cornmeal and flour contribute the other parts. Last fiscal year was a record one for flour, when 18,485,620 barrels were shipped. The number of bushels of wheat was 139,432,815. In 1891 the amount of wheat was 161,000,000 bushels, which is the greatest total of which any account is to be had. During 1897-98 the exports of corn amounted to 208,744,000, which was the record in that cereal up to that time.

If one wishes to show the stupendous results of agrarian labor one should turn to the figures given in the last annual report of the New York Produce Exchange, which contains export figures since 1831, when records were first available. Since that year the value of the cereals sent abroad from the United States has footed up to over six billions of dollars. This means that something like 4,300,000,000 bushels of corn and wheat have been sent out of the country to supply deficiencies in the food products of European nations.

There has been a gradual development in these sixty-eight years, with several periods of very rapid expansion. For instance, in the five years ending with September, 1835, the amount of wheat exported was only 614,145 bushels. The output of flour in that interval was 5,241,964 barrels. By 1865 the wheat exports had risen to a total of 138,306,000 bushels; ten years later they were 224,019,376 bushels, doubling in the fiveyear period following.

The best prices that the farmer has received for his wheat came between 1865 and 1870, when he averaged on the five years $1.43 a bushel. The average between 1890 and 1895 was 82 cents. In 1895 he only received 65 cents for what wheat he sent abroad, and shipped out 40,000,000 bushels, less than one-third of last year's export total.

An interesting study from the figures given in the report has been made of the proportion of wheat shipped as flour to the total since 1831. In that year it reached 97.2 per cent. The ratio fell rapidly until 1880, when the percentage was only 18.84. Last year it was 40.68 per cent.—N. Y. Mail and Express.

Heavy Shoes.

A woman who is a victim of the big shoe habit says that when she took a trip west a few weeks ago she wore her "comfortable," heavy-soled, rubber-heeled calfskins. In the sleeping car she gave orders to the porter to black them. As her berth was the first one from the little chicken-coop place in which the porter attends to his odd jobs, she had no difficulty in overhearing a little conversation which took place between him and two of the men passengers.

"They calls 'em golf shoes, don't they?" the porter remarked.

"I guess so," replied one of the men. "They're just strong-minded shoes. The women are getting sensible. High time, too."

"Look lak they made out o' cowhide," the porter commented. "Lawd, look at them soles; 'bout four inches thick."

"Must be a mighty big woman," put in the other passenger. "Bet she weighs 200 if she weighs a pound. I never saw such shoes in my life. Think she'd have to have derricks to lift them up with."

But the eavesdropper fell asleep right here. In the morning three pairs of eyes looked curiously at her feet and then took in a slender little 103-pound figure. She said it was really amusing.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Danger of the Season.

Mr. Rider Haggard, in "A Farmer's Year," tells a sad story about a Yorkshire gentleman who was one of a shooting party watched by a lot of miners.

A number of these gentry attached themselves to him so hard that he grew nervous and began to miss freely At length the last and great stand of the day was reached, when, just before the beat began, a ferocious and peculiarly powerful miner advanced and whispered hoarsely in his ear: "Look 'ere, gov'nor, you're shooting horful, and I've lost three bob on yer. But I've backed yer double or quits, and, by gosh! If I don't win this time I'll knock yer bloomin' 'ead off."

Bound to Depart.

A youthful Stockton man rushed to catch a river boat for San Francisco, but was about two minutes late. The steamer was six feet out as he reached the dock. He swung his grip aboard and, jumping, caught a rope and a post and held fast. Everybody imagined he had fallen in. The captain, peering over the side, saw his intrepid passenger. "Here, you," he shouted, "by jiminy crickets, don't you ever do that again!" The passenger had hauled himself aboard by this time, and, turning a look of scorn at the captain, said, "What do you think I'm going to do—jump back and try it over?"

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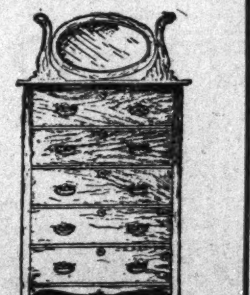

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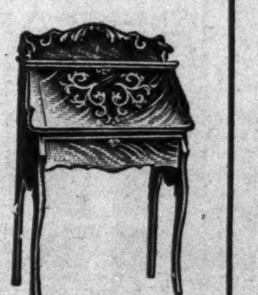

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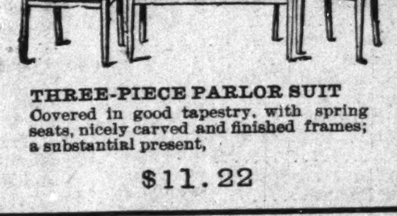

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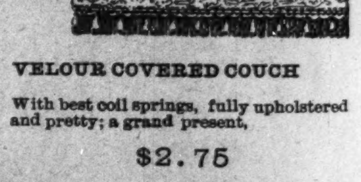

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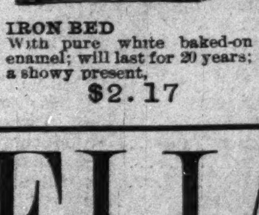

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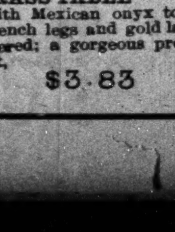

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OPIUM SMOKERS IN CHINA.

In Formosa One Person in Fifteen Uses the Drug.

To learn the actual number of opium smokers is impossible, but we know the amount of the foreign import of this drug, and the native confessions of reformed opium smokers tell us precisely the amount of opium required to pass the yin, or craving. It is one-fifth of an ounce daily. An ounce or liang is consumed in five days and a catty suffices for eighty days. Four catties are enough for 320 days, and another half catty will carry the user to the end of a year with comfort. A picul is enough then for only twenty-two persons and 50,000 piculs is sufficient for not more than 1,100,000 persons. The law of compulsion in the smoker is just as imperious for native opium as for foreign. It is a matter of great interest to know the extent of the evil.

In regard to Szechuen, that very populous and wealthy province, Mr. Schjoth, in the Trade Report for 1898, informs us that Szechuen produces 100,000 piculs of opium, and the cultivation is always increasing. At Chungching, where he is commissioner, he is told that 30,000 piculs suffice for consumption in the province and that 65,000 piculs are exported. We may conclude that the smokers of that province cannot be less than 660,000. Since the population is 67,000,000, the number of smokers is one in a hundred. In Shensi one in 140 smokes, in Formosa one in fifteen is the proportion in cities, where the people are sunk to the lowest point of degradation and this is the largest proportion yet known of opium smokers as compared with the general population.—Shanghi Mercury.

How Much Sleep.

The statistics and diagrams of sleep in the Sunday Post-Dispatch are interesting as showing the influence of occupation upon habit. The American naval officer gets less sleep on the average than anyone else. It is with him a matter of regulation, but he gets used to his scant allowance and seems to thrive under it. He sleeps six hours in the twenty-four. The actor sleeps ten, while the army officer is allowed eight hours. There are two extreme opinions on the subject of sleep. One that men do not sleep enough, and the other that they sleep too much. Probably the truth is that a trnnquil and evenly balanced mind not given to worry, dissipation or needless excitement needs less sleep than the fussy man who indulges in these respectable and unrespectable vices. It is possible to rest even when in the midst of work. But it requires much toil and self-control to achieve such a power of rest.

Municipal Novelty.

There is a decidely humorous side which occasionally comes to light in connection with the undertakings of municipal corporations but the action of the enterprising city fathers of a small Hungarian town is certainly unique. The Mayor and the whole Town Council, consisting of eight members, formed themselves into a band of forgers and carried on a thriving business in the Town Hall manufacturing paper notes current in Austria, which they circulated pretty extensively. A workshop, well fitted with the necessary implements, was fixed up a cellar of the Town Hall, and they actually set policemen to guard the door while they were at work. This remarkable state of affairs existed for a couple of years. when the business was detected, the Mayor and councillors fighting like profesional brigands upon being arrested.—Cin. Enquirer.

COST OF GREAT WARS.

The Aggregate Sum Is So Vast as to Be Beyond the Ordinary Grasp.

We have recently heard that as far as we have gone we have spent something like six millions to bring Mr. Kruger to his senses. It will, therefore, be interesting to look back to other items of our war bills, dating back to exactly three hundred years ago.

If we take the paid bills off the file and add up the totals, we find that during this period we have spent about £1,400,000,000 in war. Calculating the population of the United Kingdom at forty millions, we might estimate that had the money been saved, there would be a nice little nest-egg of £35 for every man, woman and child of the population.

Still, it is well to remember, when peace advocates point to the figures with grief, that, on the whole, we have made a very fair profit on our war expenditure, for it has helped us largely to gain an empire whose total revenues would pay off the war bill in less than six years. Indeed, one of the best investments we ever made is found in the heaviest item of the whole account, the £831,000,000 spent in smashing Napoleon. If this sum had not been forthcoming, Answers would, without doubt have been printed in the French language, and the tri-color would now be waving over the House of Parliament.

The next largest item to the Wellington account is the bill for the campaigns of the great Duke of Marlborough, which totals up to the comparatively modest figure of £182,000,000, while £121,000,000 is written off in our profit and loss account as to the price of our litle family quarrel, when Cousin Jonathan left home and set up in business for himself John Bull always scratches his head rather doubtfully over that leaf in his ledger.

It is three hundred years ago this year since the Earl of Essex started the account by four million pounds' worth of war against the Spaniards in Ireland; while less than fifty years after Cromwell followed him in the same distressful country, wasting fifty-seven good millions in slaughtering some of the very best material in the British army. He in his turn was followed by William III., whose traveling expenses in Ireland and Holland amounted to £333,000,000.

Canada cost us about £62,000,000—a fairly good bargain when compared with the Crimean War, of which our share was £69,000,000, out of a total of £305,000,000. The terrible waste in this war laid rather in lives than in money, for, out of 97,860 men we put in the field, we lost 22,182, or 22½ per cent of the total strength. Only 2,755 of these poor fellows were killed in action, while of the 18,280 wounded only 1,875 died of their wounds. There were 17,847 died of disease, and it may be safely assumed that, had our troops been as well cared for as those who are now engaged with the Boers, the British army would have left the Crimea richer by 17,000 men.

Less unpleasant reading than our own are the war bills of our neighbors, though they naturally have involved many of our losses.

The world's wars during the ninety years ending in the year 1880 cost altogether £3,047,000,000, together with a loss of 4,470,000 lives.

Next to the twenty-year war between ourselves and France, which, ending at Waterloo, cost altogether £1,250,000,000 and 1,900,000 lives, the most costly struggle was that between the Northern and Southern States of America, the price of which was £740,000,000 and 656,000 lives.

The Franco-Prussian war cost the belligerents £316,000,000 and 310,000 killed and wounded out of the 1,713,000 men engaged. Altogether, 817,751 men were put out of action although this total includes 446,000 French prisoners.

The German hospital returns, however, showed a great improvement on our Crimean record, for out of their 127,000 wounded only 10,710, or 8½ per cent of the cases terminated fatally.

The last great war of the world, that between Russia and Turkey, cost altogether £190,000,000 and 180,000 lives of which Russia paid £133,000,000 and 110,000 lives.—London Answers.

Evils of Profanity.

Clergymen and ethical writers have had a great deal to say about the evils of profanity. The field against this petty vice has now been taken by another class of men altogether, one also which has a great deal more influence with most young men than clergymen usually have—physical trainers, coaches and team captains. This information will undoubtedly startle many young aspirants for athletic honors, who consider a sweater, a pair of lurching shoulders, a mincing gait, a cigar and a loud and profane manner very "manly," and the proper outward characteristics of an athlete. But it is a fact, nevertheless that the leading trainers and lovers of athletics, both here and in England, have started a crusade against profanity, the former considering it a great drawback and hindrance to getting in condition quickly and easily or to putting on weight, and the latter fearing an unenviable reputation and the setting of a bad example.

Oom Paul's Charm.

The Cape Town correspondent of a London paper says that of the sum of 12 shillings 6 pence, which was the total amount in the Boer treasury at the time of the gold find on the rand, President Kruger thoughtfully appropriated the only gold coin, with the remark: "The last of the old coin and the old luck." He has since worn the coin as a charm upon his watch chain, and is said to have regarded it with a feeling of almost superstitious veneration. Some two months ago, however, it became accidentally detached, and all efforts to find it have been in vain. The president has been inconsolable for the loss, regarding it as an omen of disaster.

Sea Water for London.

The proposal to bring sea water to London is taking definite shape. The channel will be tapped at Lancing, and the sea water will be pumped to a level of five hundred feet at the top of Steyning Hill. It will then flow by gravitation through a main aqueduct to London.

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"My friends gave me a royal welcome on my return to civilization. None of my five special schoolmates had married, and when they gave a luncheon in my honor I accepted joyfully. I knew they were all 'strong-minded and advanced, with a high regard for women's rights and a decided opinion of the wrongs of their sex. In fact, one of them had written to me gently intimating that I had lost my 'soul's individuality' by marrying, over which bit of information my husband and I made very merry.

"So I prepared myself on matters economic, scientific and political, put on my smartest frock, thrust my precious babes away from me, and started out with a determination, above all things, not to mention that delightful topic, my wonderful children.

"The girls, I could plainly see, were politely surprised at my well set up figure and dainty attire—a sneering reference to that 'dowdy Mrs. Brown' chilled me with a suspicion of their undoubted expectations of my appearance. One of them asked, patronizingly, about the 'babies.' 'Very well, thank you,' I answered, and continued the interrupted conversation on the possible benefit of liquefied air to the world at large, one of the few subjects I had not studied up, and which I momentarily expected to prove my mental undoing.

"I finally bade my hostesses good-by and sallied forth, quite pleased with the impression I had made and feeling satisfied my reputation was safe in their hands. They were doubtless chagrined at the discovery that matrimony is not always a destroyer of the 'soul's individuality,' I thought, gleefully, and sped home to my neglected infants.

"Within three months our return to the west had been decided on, but before my departure a kind friend tumbled my pride in the mire.

" 'Why, Nellie Blank,' she exclaimed, "whatever did you say or do at the luncheon to give the girls such a false idea of your character?'

"I gasped in mute astonishment.

" 'Why,' she continued, 'I heard that you had changed so, grown utterly frivolous and worldly, laced outrageously and dressed like a fashion plate, all of which might be forgiven but for your heartless indifference to your children. They said you never mentioned them, and when some one asked how they were you showed absolutely no interest in the subject.'

"Well, of course, I explained matters, but after all my self-sacrifice did you ever hear of anything like that?" And the little woman's eyes filled with tears of vexation.—Cin. Enquirer.

TRAIN ROBBERIES.

Danger That Seems to Increase and Cannot Be Stopped.

More than twenty times a year railway trains in the United States are held up and robbed. The criminals who follow this dangerous pursuit are fearless, and it is said that there is but one possible measure that will go to check their vicious careers.

Few travelers know that since the year 1890 there have been 230 holdups in this country, with more than eighty persons killed outright and nearly as many wounded. The desperadoes usually work in gangs, and are difficult to run down After committing robbery they terrorize the country for miles about, and do not hesitate at killing a man who may be a witness against them. In consetheir atrocities are seldom punished, and the wretches who have slain women and stolen property live and flourish, waiting for a fresh opportunity for crime.

As it is always express cars that suffer from robbers Congress was not long ago petitioned to grant Federal protection to the express companies. Mail cars are, it is alleged, rarely attacked by robbers, for the reason that such robberies are crimes against the United States, and are promptly brought up in the Federal courts, where the culprits receive severe sentences and no mercy.

On the other hand the robbers who attack express trains commit a crime not against the nation, but against a corporation. Their conviction, therefore, has to be looked after by the state, and when a crime is committed so near the border of one state that the criminals can escape by running into the next, long legal complications are likely to ensue, which often end in the robbers going free. At all events, unless something is done by Congress the present danger will continue to threaten every train that runs.—Exchange.

What the British Officer Eats.

There are cases containing what are known as "necessities," and are marked "N" to distinguish them from the cases containing luxuries, which are marked "L," so that in the excitement of the war an officer will have no difficulty whatever in ascertaining whether he is eating a necessity or a luxury. Wines and spirits pressed beef, tongues, sausages, essence of coffee, compresed tea, tobacco, chickens, curried fowl, curried prawns, chocolates, curried rabbits, jams of every kind made, all kinds of soup and fish, "sparklets" for instantly turning plain water into soda water—all these are but a small proportion of the necessities and luxuries that the officers of the guard will fight and win on. Plum puddings are sent to them for Christmas. T

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"The Judicial System of our country" from the pen of W. T. Menard, Washington, D. C. in the Christmas Number of The Freeman Dec. 30.

The managers of the Friday night dancing school at Odd Fellow's Hall, announcing "A Midwinter Picnic" for Friday evening Dec. 29.

The Propagandist Literary Society will be organized at the club rooms next Wednesday evening to which all lovers of social discussion are invited.

Mr. Gurley Brewer well known in Indiana politics has been appointed a deputy in the State Statistican office. His work will be throughout the State.

"Proposed Federal Anti-Lynching Legislation" by Lieut. Ossian Flipper, special agent of the U. S. now stationed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, will appear in the Christmas number of The Freeman Dec. 30.

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Removal.

On account of the rebuilding of the New Bates Hotel the Dalton Hat Co., will remove to 111 W. Washington street. Just opposite the old stand Jan. 1, they will carry the best $2.00 Hat in the city.

Children's Party

Mr. and Mrs. Bern Fisher gave a childrens party Tuesday afternoon Dec. 12, from 3 to 6 o'clock for their son's Floyd and Fred. Those entertained were Mary Floyd, Gordon Cox, Thelma Martin, Maree Cheatham, Morris and Elmer Woods, Lilie Winn, Ralph Bryant, Nance Winn, Benj. Jones, Anna and Geo. Wells, Festis Black, Frankie Dodson, Helen Harper, Clarence Wells, Zenobia Fisher, Willie McGee, Harry Minor, Bartlett Clark, Ruth Phillips, Katherine Bowers, Syrena Allen.

"The Child Brought Up at Home" is the title of a very cleverly written manuscript which "The Cosmopolitan Magazine" prints in its December issue as part of its series of Household Organization articles. More than four thousand mothers, scientists and specialists have already sent in manuscripts in competition for the prizes, amounting to nearly $3,000.00, offered by "The Cosmopolitan Magazine" for articles for this series in connection with Household Organization, Family Customs, Care of Children, Care of the Sick, Care of the Tee h, et cetera.

Attractive Sights.

One of the most attractive sights for the children in the city is an unique fairy spectacle being exhibited at the department store of H. I. Wasson & Co. during the holiday season. It takes place on a regular stage, with drop curtain, footlights, borders and full stages equipment, together with scenic effects that are seldom equaled.

The spectacle consists of five tableaux, the first being Santa Claus, followed by Mother Goose, who is leading her great flock to the holiday festivities.

The second tableau shows Mother Goose taking her daily trip to the moon on the back of her faithful carrier. The third illustrates the famous verse, "The cat and the fiddle, the cow jumps over the moon," which is carried out in a surprising manner by mechanical figures. The fourth shows the hobgoblin owl in the woods at midnight, who rolls his eyes in a terrific manner at the assemblage. The fifth and last tableau shows the old woman who lived in the shoe fast asleep with all of her children. Their stockings are hung up on the mantel. Santa Claus's sleigh bells are heard approaching in the distance. He enters through the chimney place, assuring himself that they are all asleep, and proceeds to fill their stockings from his capacious bag. This latter tableau is received with shrieks of delight by the children. The whole outfit was designed and painted by local artists. It is one of the best examples of stage ingenuity ever shown in this city.

News Notes.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special—Mrs. H. Burton has returned from Grand Rapids. Burt Boyd has accepted a position as advance agent for the Ammoranth Jubilee Singers. The Ammoranth Jubilee Singers filled engagements at the A. M. E church Monday and Tuesday evenings. Their program was enjoyed by all. Quite a sum was realized. Thanksgiving was celebrated in both the A. M. E. and Second Baptist churches. Thanksgiving evening by very appropriate programs. Dinner and supper were served. Mrs Lizzie Thompkins entertained at Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Letts 524 East North street, cover were laid for fourteen. Among those who were present were the Messrs. and Mesdames E. Stewart, H. Morgan, Mesdames. L. Hedgebeth, J. Evens and B. Holmes, Messers. H. Bailey and George Morgan and Julia Johnson, Mrs. Thompkins presided at the punch bowl and the Misses. Cora Mongomery and Phrena Evans assisted. Decorations were roses, caranation, chrysanthemums and myrtle.

In the Social Realm.

St. Louis, Mo., Special—A reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oldens of E. St. Louis, Ill. The bride was beautifully attired in blue both of tailor stye and wore diamonds. The groom wore the conventional black. Mrs. Olden wore silk with diamonds. Those present were Mrs. Smith the groom's mother, Mrs. Scholl the bride's mother, Miss Smith, Miss M. Johnson, Mrs. C. Jones, Messrs. Lucas, Fred Tony, James Scholl, Wm. Taylor, Edward and William Perkins. All the ladies were richly gowned and the many costly gems worn made the occasion a dazzling one. The gentlemen wore full evening dress. The Menu was a delightful repast which consisted of the delecacies of the season. Champagne, Angelica and Sherry wines were served. The spacious rooms were profusely decorated with flowers.

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Sterling silver Nail Polishers..85c
Cut glass Salve jars, with silver tops, worth $1.25, priced $1.00

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White taffeta Silk Waists, tucked all over............$7.50
As above with hemstitched fronts and cluster tucked back, $8.50
Plaid and striped Waists in bright colors, some worth up to $15, choice................$9.75

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You know them as wash silks. They are made on hand looms by the Japanese, much as rugs are by the Turks. Every member of the family takes a hand in their making and much difference in quality, is often noticeable from this fact.

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SOME MAD GAMBLERS.

A Bridal Couple's Tragedy—Suicides Know Their Fate—Few Try to Escape Their Goal—Incidents of the World's Most Famous Gambling Rooms.

To the right of the Moorish salon, the second from the entrance in the great gambling rooms of Monte Carlo, stands the suicide table.

This accursed piece of furniture has a record of causing 113 suicides in ten years, according to the count kept by C. Benvenisti, formerly chief of the detectives in this room.

Even the chairs of this table differ in the intensity of their hoodooed state. The chair to the left of the croupier facing the entrance door has claimed seventeen victims. The twenty-third chair accommodated eleven suicides, six women and five men. The others have records of eight, five, four, three and one death.

One day five years ago, writes M. Benvenisti in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, my neighbor at the table was a young Parisian. He sat in one of the one-death chairs, and won. When the doors closed he carried off 200,000 francs.

Imagine my anticipations when next morning I found him installed to the left of the croupier. I felt like tearing him away or slipping a card into his hand, to warn him against the seat he had chosen, but my official character forbade me to interfere, and, besides, my advice would have been scorned, for the fellow gambled like one mad. He lost his winnings of the day before and 200,000 francs of his own money. When his last 1,000 franc note was gone he rose, and swaying to and fro like a drunkard, stumbled out of the hall, laughing immoderately.

Two of my men led a merry chase for this unfortunate, and when they caught up with him he jumped off the railway bridge, knocking out his brains.

Another case that haunts my dreams! One day an elderly gentleman, Signor Antonio Cesare, who knew my connection with the Casino compelled me to give him the seat I was occupying, next to the croupier. I did so with a bleeding heart, for this old man was the very picture of health, and I was an intimate friend of his cousin, the Mayor of Bentimigli.

Well, this gentleman lost nearly a hundred thousand francs in the day and evening. When he got up, his own mother wouldn't have known him. He looked ten years older; his flesh had fallen away; madness stared out of his eyes. Next day they fished his body from the lake at Mentone.

Then there were the Parlingtons, refined English people. They were on their wedding trip. I never forgot the look of delight with which young Mrs. Parlington pocketed her first small gain. The pretty bride fairly coaxed her husband to stake 10 francs.

When night came they had a couple of thousand francs in their pockets. Next morning they took chairs Nos. 23 and 24. No. 23 brought them the usual luck. They gained 30,000 francs. But on the following day came the inevitable change. The 30,000 francs went back to us, and the couple's little fortune followed. They walked from the room deathly pale, hand in hand.

My detectives informed me that they took the train for Nice without troubling about their baggage. They shot and killed themselves in the Windsor Hotel there. Everybody can see that the cloth on the suicide table is of more recent make than the rest. Yet the Casino company is only 318 francs the poorer on that account.

Here are the figures: Cloth for double table, 250 francs, painting of yellow figures, 50 francs; nailing down, 18 francs; total, 318 francs.

Against these figures there is an offset of 600 francs, which the Casino company would have been obliged to pay the young Russian for traveling expenses. This Muscovite Prince refused to become a pensioner of M. Blanc's heirs, and blew out his brains over the table where he had dropped his all,—400,000 francs.

It happened two years ago, and it nearly cost me my job. The circumstances that one of the directors of the company drew me into a corner to talk about the same Russian's persistent ill-luck just a minute before the shot rang out—that alone saved me from disgrace.

The incident itself was soon forgotten and had no bearing on the game. It has nothing, to do with the superstitions attaching to the suicide table. The ill reputation of that piece of furniture was of many years' standing when the Russian committed his flagrant breach of Casino etiquette. He was No. 85 on my list of unfortunates.

When I saw a man or woman approach the suicide state, my first care was to prevent him or her from spoiling more cloth. I signalled my men to press around the party, and prevent him or her from putting a hand in the pocket or from striking the croupier.

Many desperate cases I approached as a fellow gambler, offering to assist them and pay their homeward journey. I dare say my intervention—which cost me nothing, as the company recouped me—has saved many a poor devil's life.

Whether suicide candidates have a foreboding of evil when they come to our table, I don't know, but a few try to escape their goal. They come flanked by prayers or holding a piece of hangman's rope. Others try to insure their fortune by paying the croupier 100 francs before the day's work begins. Of course he accepts the bribe. He isn't tampering with his employer's profits.

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Self Playing, from $50 to	400.00
Regina Box, 15-inch tune sheet. regular price, $50, at	35.00
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